GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VISIT OF MINISTER TO LONDON
PRABHA RAU

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he visited London in August, 2002;

(b) if so, the purpose of his visit and the talks on bilateral and other issues held with the representatives of the British Government;

(c) whether the question of cross border terrorism indulged into by Pakistan also figured during the discussions; and

(d) the extent to which the British Government is convinced about the need for taking steps to pursuade Pakistan to desist from such activities?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Hon`ble Deputy Prime Minister accompanied by a high level delegation visited United Kingdom from 20th August to 23rd August, 2002 on the invitation of Mr. John Prescott the Deputy Prime Minister, United Kingdom and held talks on bilateral issues as well as regional and global issues of mutual interest with the British leadership.

(c) & (d): The British leadership was fully sensitized on India`s concerns on cross border terrorism.Statements issued by British Government recognize Pakistan`s involvement in cross- border terrorism and support to terrorist groups across the Line of Control.